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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue in consideration of the Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement filed May 18, 2009.

The requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is attached. It is therefore believed that the present Petition to Withdraw from Issue complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), but if additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281

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